विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया): (क) ऐसा कोई मामला सरकार की जानकारी में नहीं लाया गया है।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

भारतीय तीर्थ यात्रियों को कैलाश पर्वत पर जाने के लिए चीन द्वारा अनुमति दिया जाना

3845. श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन की सरकार भारतीय तीर्थ यात्रियों को कैलाश पर्वत और मानसरोवर जाने की अनुमति नहीं देती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस मामले को चीन की सरकार के समक्ष उठायेगी ताकि भारतीय तीर्थ यात्रियों को कैलाश पर्वत और मानसरोवर जाने की अनुमति मिल सके;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया): (क) जी, नहीं। सरकार द्वारा आयोजित कैलाश मानसरोवर यात्रा निर्विघ्न रूप से चल रही है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Clarifications on joint Statment of Rao Clinton Talks

3846. SHRI G. V. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news captioned "US sending conflicting signals on Kashmir" appeared in the Observer of Business and Politics, New Delhi, dated 3rd August 1994;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein as ascertained from the Indian Embassy in Washington;

(c) what steps are being taken by the embassy and its Lobbyist firm to clarify India's stand in the context of the joint statement issued after the Rao-Clintron talks in Washington in May, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US position on Jammuy & Kashmir is that they regard the former princely state of Jammu & Kashmir as disputed territory. They support direct bilateral negotiations between Indian and Pakistan, as envisaged in the Simla Agreement. The US also believes that, as a practical matter, any lasting solution would need to take into account the wishes of all the people of Jammu & Kashmir. At the same time, the United States opposes terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir. As also any support to terrorism from across an international border.

(c) The Indian Embassy in Washington and the Firm engaged by Government to supplement its publicity efforts are involved in the ongoing exercise of informing and educating US public opinion on issues of interest and concern to India. These efforts seel to increase understand ing for India's point of view and to create conditions conducive to the new partnership called for by PM and President Clinton in the Joint Statement issued following their talks in Washington.

Anti-India campaign by Pakistan in England

3847. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the anti-India campaign being intensified by Pakistan in United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to react such moves of Islamabad by lodging strong protests with United Kingdom for allowing such campaigns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government are ware of the intensified anti India Campaign launched by Pakistan in the United Kingdom. This campaign conducted both directly by the Pakistan Government and through its front organisations, is designed to project a distorted picture both of the history of Jammu and Kashmir and its accession to India as well as the present situation in the State.

(c) and (d) Government have, at all levels, brought to the notice of the Brit ish authorities, Members of Parliament and other influential circles in the UNited Kingdom, the false and motivated nature of Pakistan's propaganda and its direct involvement in sponsoring terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Training to Kuwaiti Military personnel by Indian Military Academies

3848. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered to train Kuwaiti Military personnel in different Military Academies;

(b) if so, the details thereof with back ground for such move;

(c) whether such training will be with full explanation to neighbouring countries of Kuwait;

(d) whether such training will be under certain terms and conditions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India had offered one training slot in 1994-95 to Kuwait at Defence Gervices Staff College (DSSC), Welligton as a part of the training facilities that Government offers to friendly countries under Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) or on self-financing basis.

(d) and (e) The offer for the DSSC course was made on a self-financing basis. Therefor, all the expenditure was to be met by the Government of Kuwait.

Pak efforts to Internationalise the Kashmir Issue

3849. SHRI G. V. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan expointed a global Islamic Conference held in the London earlier this month to internationalise the Kashmir issue which is high on the agenda of the international Muslim Khilafat, convened by the Muslim Unity Organisation to bring the vital issues to the forefront;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the extremist language of the conference literature and the agenda items; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken through its High Commission in London to counter Pakistan's propaganda at such Islamic meets against India on the Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. But the Conference literature related more to Islamic fundamental ism of the antiJewish genere.

(c) Does not arise.

Bilateral agreement with Spain

3850. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bilateral agreements covering wide ranging matter including trade affairs entered into with the Spain;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Spain has not been indicating further interest in resolving issues partaining to trade and commerce, complaints from Indian exporters etc;

(c) whether Government of India has not yet pointed out various defaults on the part of Spanish Government or its various agencies; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and details of agreements reached between the two Government during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEE): (a) Bilateral agreements entered into with the Government of Spain include an Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation signed in 1972 under which an Indo Spanish Joint Commission on Commercial Cooperation and Indo Spanish Joint Business Council have been instituted; a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement signed